(vii) Design Development Training Programme

(viii) Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Programme

(ix) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana

(x) Health Insurance Scheme

However, in order to enable flow to assistance to the weavers in a coordinated and concerted manner, it is proposed to implement the following five schemes in the XIth Plan for the benefit of the handloom weavers including the weavers of Sikkim:

1. Integrated Handloom Development Scheme.

2. Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme.

3. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

4. Mill Gate Price Scheme.

5. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(c) No State-wise allocation of funds are made under the schemes. For the Xth Five Year Plan, a sum of Rs. 142.20 crore was allocated for North Eastern Region out of which Rs. 109.37 crore was utilized. Rs. 4.97 lakh was released in favour of the State of Sikkim.

**NIFT at Kannur in Kerala**

3808. SHRI P.R. RAJAN:
SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has proposed to start a centre of National Institute of Fashion Technology at Kannur;

(b) whether the Ministry has given any assurance to the Kerala Government for setting up of the said Institute;

(c) whether Government have conducted a feasibility study in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(f) by when the institute is going to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) A proposal was received from Government of Kerala regarding setting up of NIFT Centre in Kannur with a request to forward guidelines for establishment of NIFT Centre. Government of Kerala were informed that the proposals for opening of new NIFT Centre

are considered by the Board of NIFT taking into account feasibility considerations provided a firm commitment is made by the State Government for providing 10 acres of land free of cost and funds as per the projected expenditure as revised from time to time.

(b) No such assurance has been given to the Government of Kerala.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) In view of (c) above, Questions do not arise.

**Handicraft clusters in Tamil Nadu**

3809. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of handicraft clusters identified for development through Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Yojana in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount allocated for the State to implement the scheme, during each of the last three years and the amount actually spent;

(c) whether more handicraft clusters in the State are proposed to be covered; and

(d) if so, the handicrafts identified for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The district-wise details of Handicraft Clusters identified for development through Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) in Tamil Nadu is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) State-wise funds are not allocated under the schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts. However, the details of funds released to various Implementing Agencies *i.e.* NGOs etc. during each of the last three years under AHVY in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

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| 2004-05 | Rs. 31,14,809 |
| 2005-06 | Rs. 93,75,986 |
| 2006-07 | Rs. 1,29,31,074 |